

STATE OF NEW YORK

LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY

BUFFALO, N.Y., APRIL 3RD, 2014, A.D.

I HEREBY CERTIFY, *That at a regular session of the Legislature of Erie County, held in the County Hall, in the City of Buffalo, on the 3rd day of April, 2014, A.D., a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:*

WHEREAS, *Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. was born October 17, 1918 in Columbus, Ohio, growing up in Detroit, Michigan where he built his career in the manufacturing and insurance industry, and also served in World War II in both the Pacific and Atlantic Theaters; and*

WHEREAS, *Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. pursued his love of football by founding the Buffalo Bills on October 28, 1959; and*

WHEREAS, *Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. was a leader in the American Football League, aiding other franchises in financial need, and ultimately aided the AFL in merging with the National Football League; and*

WHEREAS, *Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. opposed any attempts to move NFL teams out of their home cities and kept the Buffalo Bills in Buffalo throughout his record breaking 54 years as a team owner; and*

WHEREAS, *Ralph C. Wilson, Jr.'s love for Buffalo extended beyond football where he has donated millions of dollars through the years funding organizations such as Roswell Park and various scholarships at Canisius College; and*

WHEREAS, *Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. passed away on March 25, 2014 at the age of 95 leaving behind a legacy of service and dedication to Erie County and all of Western New York.*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, *the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to honor the life of Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. and recognize the dedication he had to our community.*

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